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Details:

1. Preliminary Report on the 2005 North Kashmir Earthquake Of October 8, 2005 is on NICEE website
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IIT Kanpur organized a reconnaissance study of the affected areas of the recent Kashmir earthquake of October 8, 2005. Professor C. V. R. Murty and Professor Durgesh C. Rai spent about five days in the field, during October 14-19, 2005. A brief report is available at NICEE website (http://www.nicee.org/KashmirEQ2005_IITK-Report.pdf)

2. E-course on *Seismic Design of Liquid Storage Tanks*, 16 January – 06 February 2006
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Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur will conduct a three-week e-course on “Seismic Design of Liquid Storage Tanks”. The aim of the course is to provide the participants an overview on seismic design procedures for Liquid Storage Tanks. The course is designed for structural engineers engaged in design and construction of such structures. The course will be conducted through emails and the participants must have access to emails and internet. The details of the course are available at www.nicee.org/Ecourse_Tanks.pdf

3. Short Course on *Seismic Design of Buried Pipelines*, 28 February – 4 March 2006, IIT Kanpur
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Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur will conduct a one week short course on “Seismic Design of Buried Pipelines”. The course is aimed at providing the participants an overview on seismic design procedures for buried pipelines. The course is designed for engineers engaged in planning, design and construction of the pipelines. The details of the course are available at www.nicee.org/Pipelines.pdf

4. *The Indian Earthquake Problem* - Sudhir K. Jain, Current Science, November 2005
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Current Science has published an article by Professor Sudhir K. Jain “The Indian Earthquake Problem” in its November 2005 issue. The article is an attempt to focus the issue of earthquake safety in our country vis-a-vis what needs to be done urgently. The same is also available at <http://www.nicee.org/Opinion.pdf>

5. Course Conducted at Surat on *Architecture for Earthquake Resistant of Buildings* during 24-28 October 2005
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NPEEE had organized a five days course at Surat on Architecture for Earthquake Resistant of Buildings during 24-28 October 2005. The main objective of the course was to provide basic knowledge of earthquake resistant design concepts. The course was conducted by Professor CVR Murty of IIT Kanpur, Professor Persi Engineer of SCET,

Surat and Professor Andrew Charleson from School of Architecture, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. About 30 architects attended the same.

6. *Earthquake Engineering Softwares* available from NISEE Berkeley

Earthquake Engineering softwares are available at NISEE (National Information Service for Earthquake Engineering, University of California, Berkeley) website for free download at <http://nisee.berkeley.edu/software/>

The manuals of the above softwares are available on subscription of NISEE online archive at <http://nisee.berkeley.edu/elibrary/account/info> on a payment of \$25.

7. Download *AASHTO Publication free* from AASHTO Bookstore

Some of the AASHTO Publications are free to download from AASHTO bookstore. To download the publications one need to register at <http://bookstore.transportation.org>

8. *Soil Structure Interaction Course* at ROSE School, Pavia, Italy in April 2006

The European School for Advanced Studies in Reduction of Seismic Risk (ROSE School) located in Pavia, in northern Italy, is offering a short course on dynamic soil-structure interaction and the computer program SASSI2000 in April 2006 for practicing engineers. A limited number of interested graduate students in earthquake engineering will also be accepted. The course is coordinated by Dr. Farhang Ostadan. The course covers fundamentals of soil dynamics, structural dynamics and wave propagation. The computer program SASSI and its recently developed new features along with case studies will be presented. Attendance is limited. For further information, visit www.roseschool.it/files/short_courses-week.htm and contact Ms. Sandra Castelli (rose@unipv.it) to receive future announcements.

9. The *19th Australasian Conference on the Mechanics of Structures and Materials*, 29 Nov - 1 Dec 2006 Christchurch, New Zealand

Department of Civil Engineering, University of Canterbury is hosting the 19th Australasian Conference on the Mechanics the Mechanics of Structures and Materials, 29 Nov - 1 Dec 2006 Christchurch, New Zealand. Last date to submit the abstract is 30 November 2005. For more details please visit <http://www.civil.canterbury.ac.nz/acmsm19/>

10. *International Conference on Earthquake Engineering (ICEE 2006)*, 25-26 February 2006, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu

School of Civil Engineering, SASTRA, Deemed University is organizing an International Conference on Earthquake Engineering during 25-26 February 2006 at Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu. For more details visit www.sastra.edu/icee/index.htm

11. *First European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology*, 3-8 September 2006, Geneva, Switzerland

In 2006, the European Association of Earthquake Engineering (EAEE) and the European Seismological Commission (ESC) will join the 13th ECEE and the 30th ESC General Assembly to hold for the first time in common the First European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology (1st ECEES) during 3-8 September 2006, Geneva, Switzerland. Last date to submit the abstract is 31 January 2006. For more details please visit www.ecees.org